

Division of Public Health

Licensure Unit

Annual Report

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Lists & Labels – http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crl_orders.aspx

Licensure Unit Overview

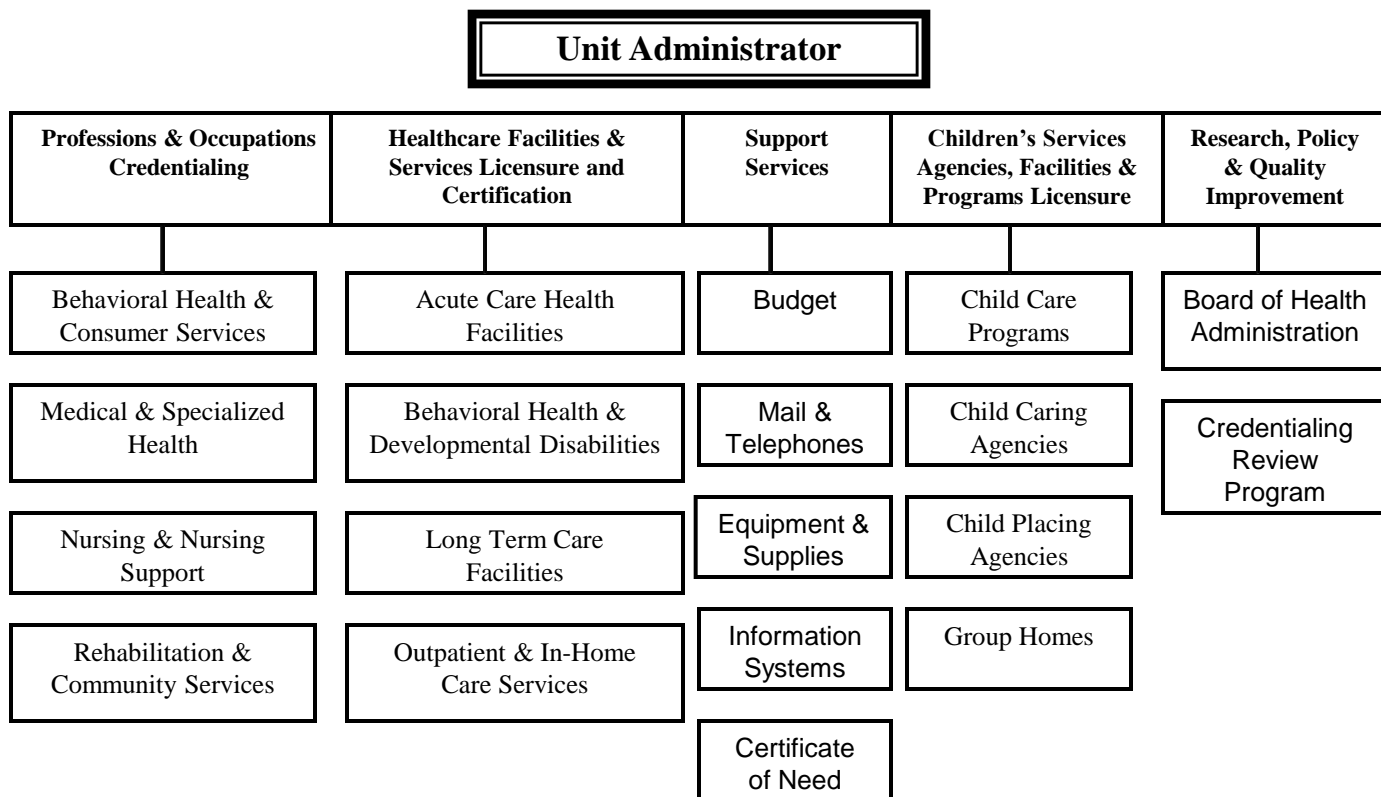
Mission:

Protection of the public's health, safety and well-being through regulation of individuals, facilities and programs.

Responsibilities:

1. Licensure, Certification and Registration of Persons who Provide Health and Health-related Services.
2. Licensure and Certification (to participate in Medicare/Medicaid) of Healthcare Facilities and Services
3. Licensure of Children's Services Agencies, Facilities and Programs
4. Administration of State Board of Health and Credential Review Act
5. Administration of Certificate of Need Act

Organizational Structure:

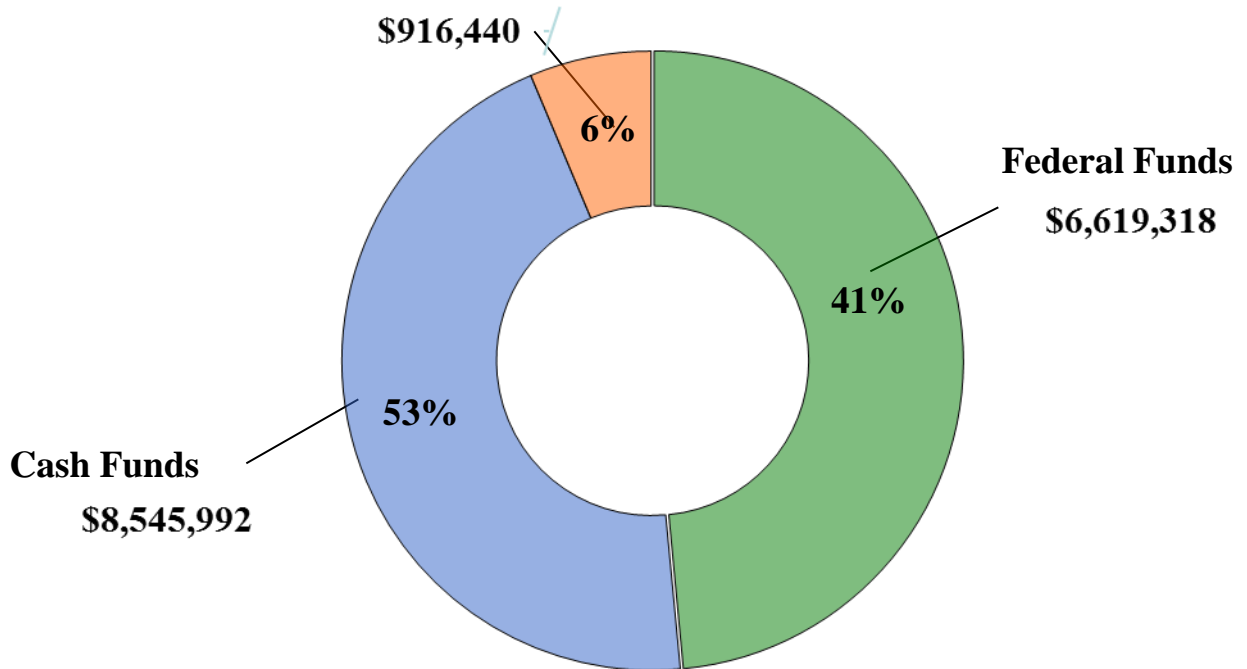


Financial Overview – FY 2012

Licensure Unit Revenue Sources

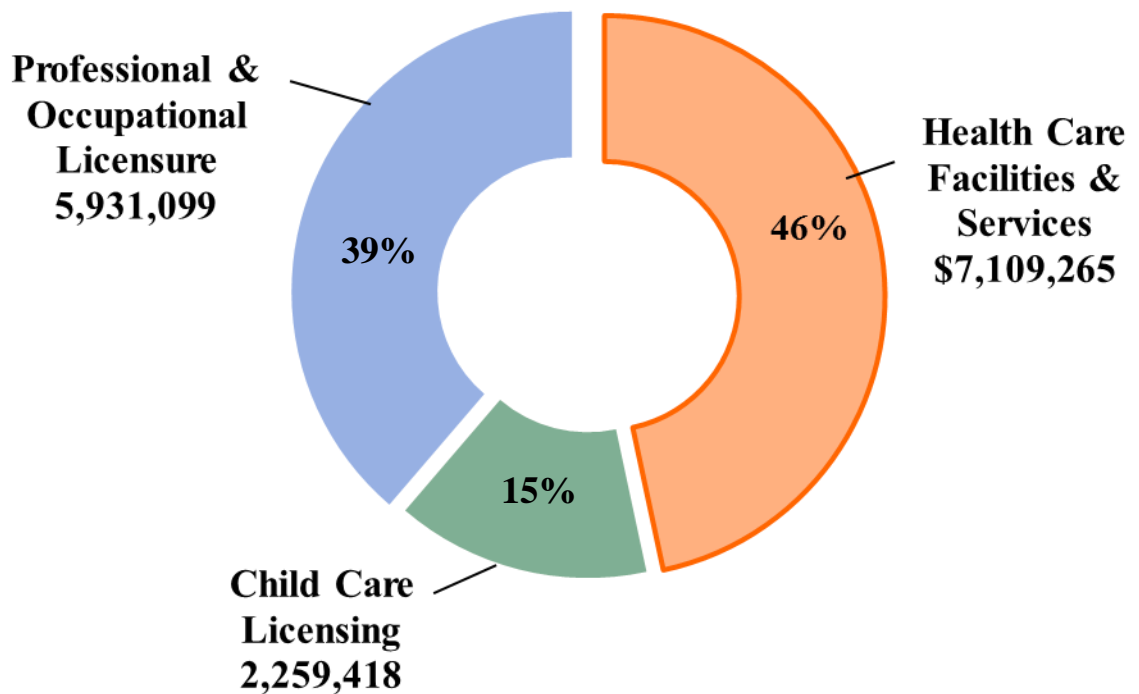
FY 2012 Total Revenue = \$16,081,740

General Funds



Licensure Unit FY 2012

Total Budget = \$15,299,782



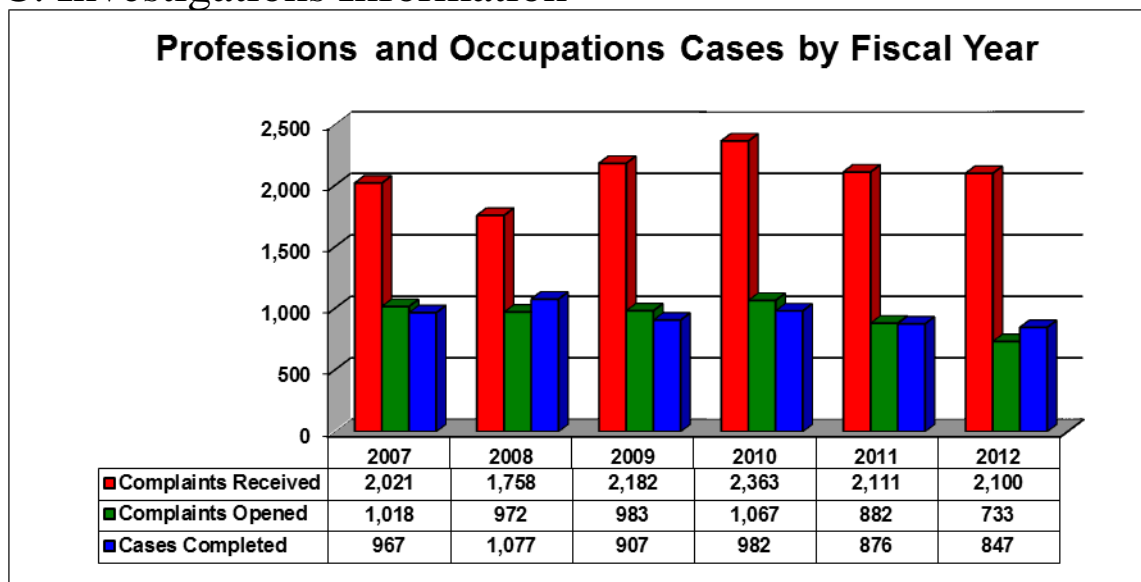
Professions & Occupations Overview

A. Active Licenses

Alcohol & Drug Counselor – 960	Asbestos – 865
Assisted Living Facility Administrator - 807	Athletic Training – 343
Audiology/Speech Language Pathology – 1,026	Body Art – 554
Chiropractic - 630	Cosmetology – 14,189
Dentistry – 4,484	Emergency Medical Care – 8,318
Environmental Health Specialist - 77	Funeral Directing & Embalming – 713
Hearing Aid Instrument Dispenser & Fitter - 104	Lead – 203
Massage Therapy – 1,794	Medical Nutrition Therapy - 544
Medicine – 10,315	Mental Health Practice – 7,631
Nail Technology – 1,429	Nursing – 36,730
Nursing Home Administration - 722	Nursing Support – 51,987
Occupational Therapy – 2,332	Optometry – 807
Pharmacy – 9,815	Physical Therapy – 2,269
Podiatry - 95	Psychology – 660
Radiography – 2,760	Radon – 305
Respiratory Care – 1,225	Swimming Pool Operator – 1,996
Veterinary Medicine – 1,638	Water Operator – 5,454
Well Driller - 996	TOTAL = 174,777

B. Licenses Renewed = 71,028 with 14,307 renewed online.

C. Investigations Information

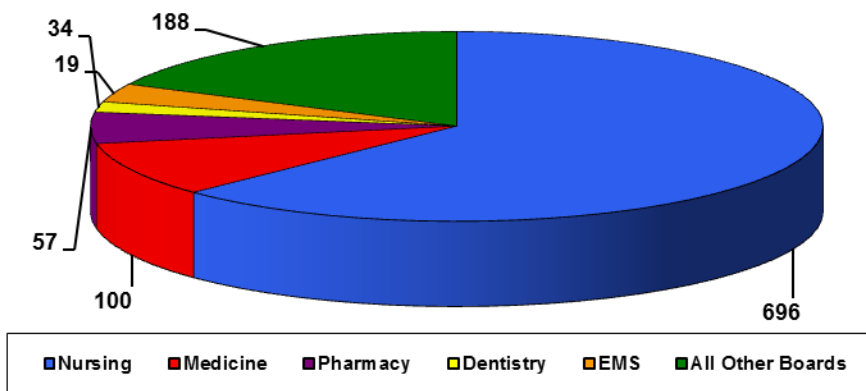


Investigations Completed FY 12

Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses – 10	Board of Alcohol & Drug Counseling – 19
Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology – 3	Board of Chiropractic – 7
Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art – 81	Board of Dentistry – 23
Board of Emergency Medical Services – 30	Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming – 7
Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists – 0	Board of Massage Therapy – 26
Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy – 2	Board of Medicine and Surgery – 54
Board of Mental Health Practice – 38	Board of Nursing – 394
Board of Nursing Home Administration – 2	Board of Occupational Therapy – 3
Board of Optometry – 8	Board of Pharmacy – 76
Board of Physical Therapy – 8	Board of Physician Assistants - 10
Board of Podiatry – 1	Board of Psychology – 6
Board of Medical Radiography – 17	Board of Respiratory Care Practice – 6
Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery – 16	All Other Boards – 270
TOTAL = 847	

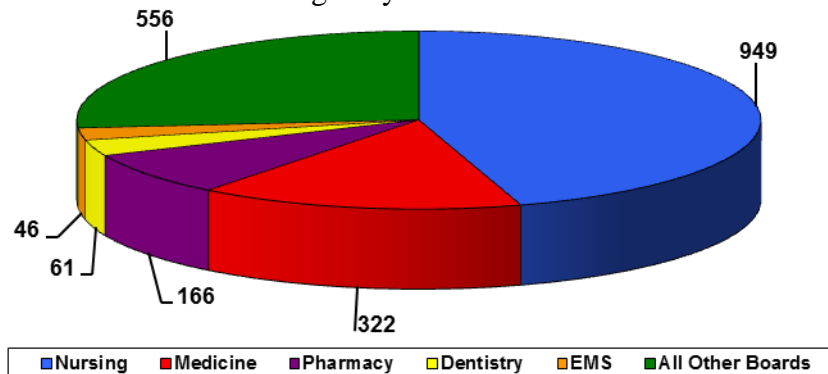
Mandatory Reports Received=1,094

Arranged by Licensure Board



Complaints Received = 2,100

Arranged by Licensure Board



Disciplinary Actions
Arranged by Licensure Board
TOTAL = 518

	Mental Health	Nursing	Medicine	EMS	Pharmacy	All Other Boards
Probation	15	38	9	13	6	120
Suspension	4	47	6	2	0	12
Voluntary Surrender	12	8	0	2	0	9
Revocation	2	9	1	2	0	18
Censure	5	56	4	4	5	31
Civil Penalty	6	24	7	3	2	25
Limitation	0	1	4	1	1	2
Stayed Action	2	-	-	-	-	-
Entries to Nurse Aide registry	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	46	183	31	27	14	217

Non-Disciplinary Actions
Assurance of Compliance
TOTAL = 112

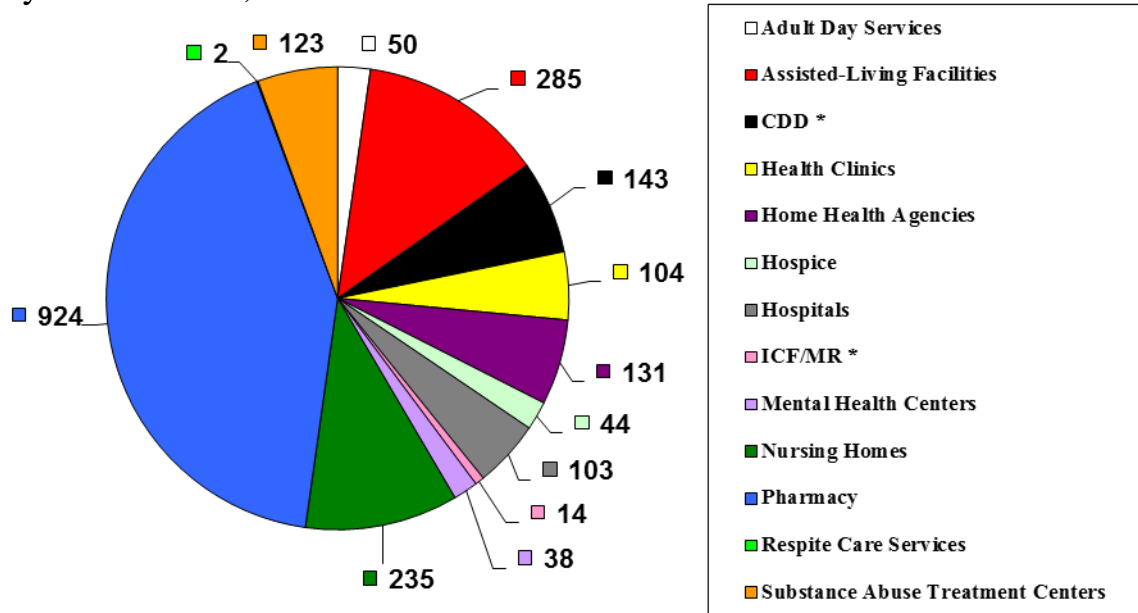
	Mental Health	Nursing	Medicine	EMS	Pharmacy	All Other Boards
Assurance of Compliance	13	37	26	1	4	31

Healthcare Facilities & Services Overview

A. Type of Licenses

Health Care Facilities and Services

Currently Licensed = 2,185

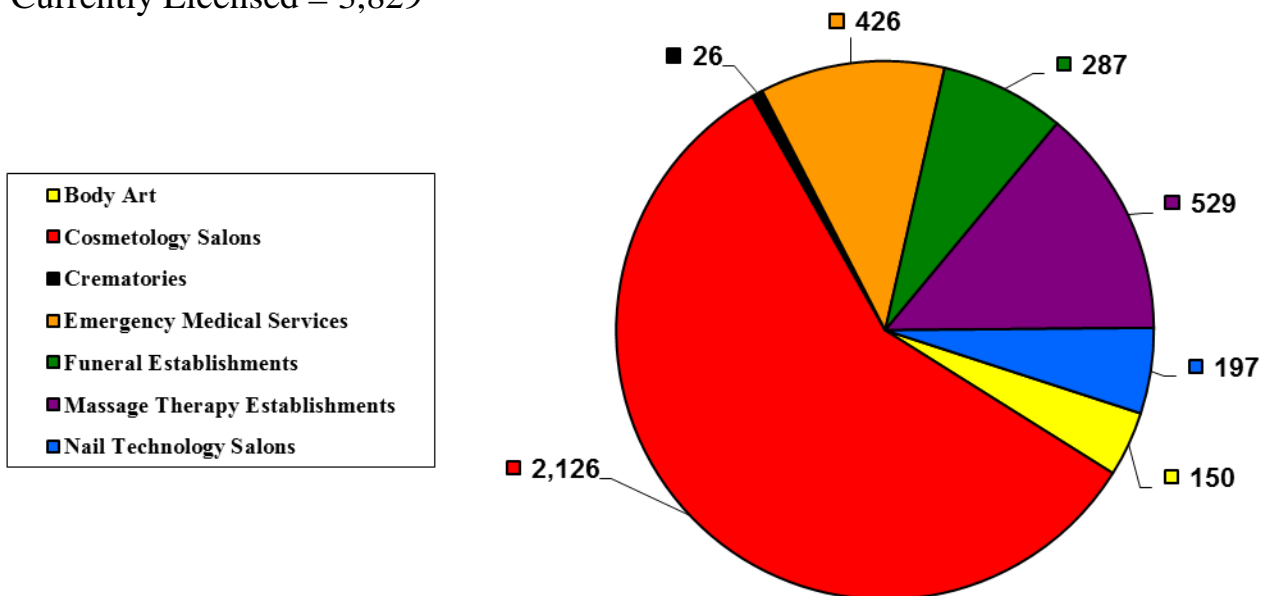


* Centers for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

* Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded

Community Service Facilities

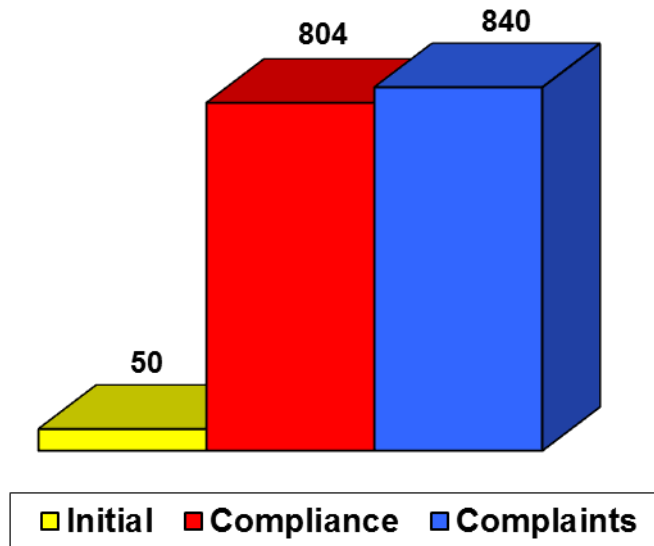
Currently Licensed = 3,829



B. Inspections

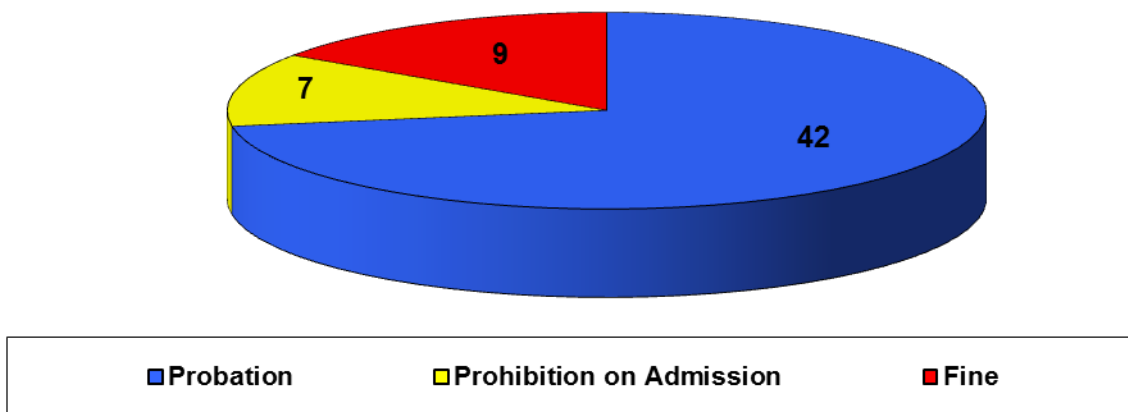
Inspections for Health Care Facilities and Services occur prior to issuing licenses and thereafter compliance inspections occur by randomly selecting up to 25% of such facilities and services in each licensure category on an annual basis. Complaints against health care facilities and services are also investigated.

TOTAL = 1,694



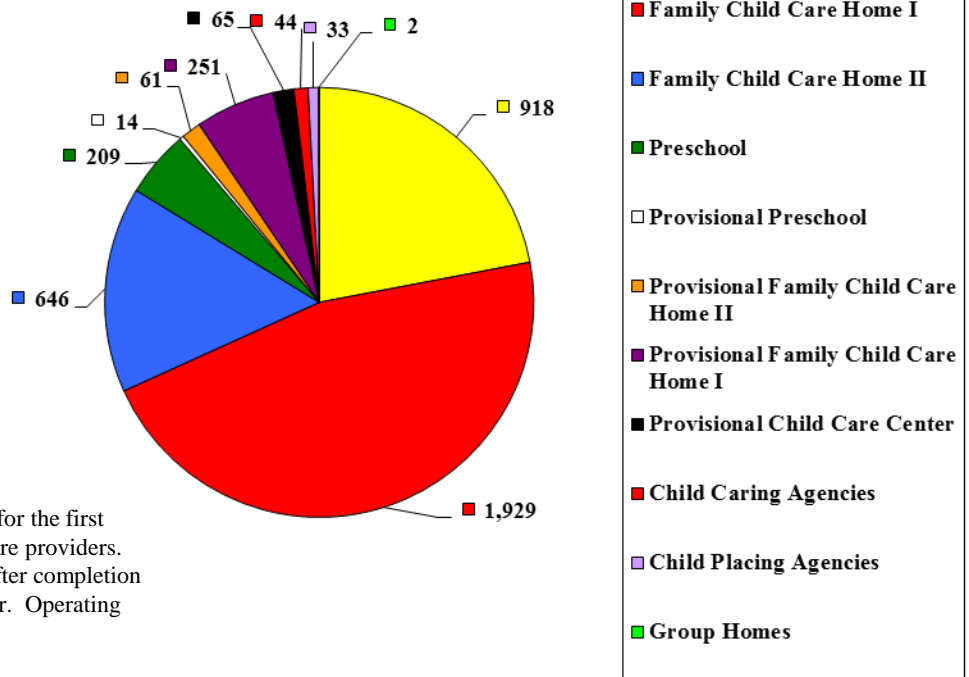
C. Disciplinary Actions

TOTAL = 58



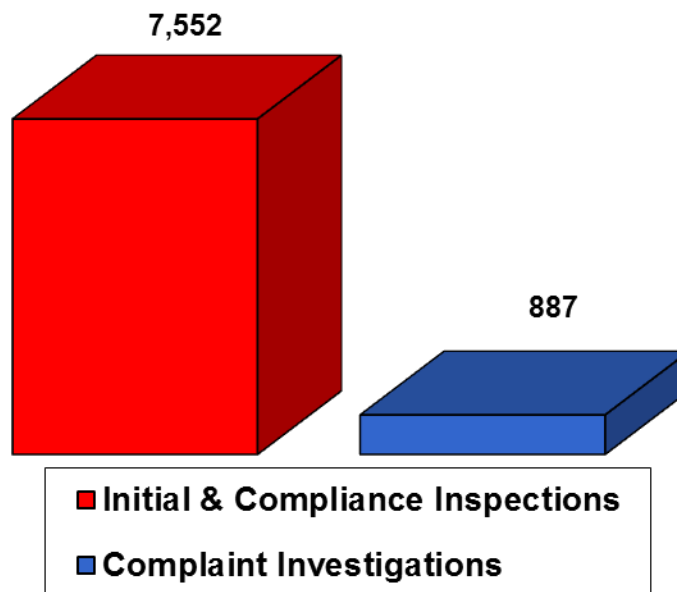
Children's Services Agencies, Facilities & Programs

A. Type of Licenses - TOTAL = 4,172



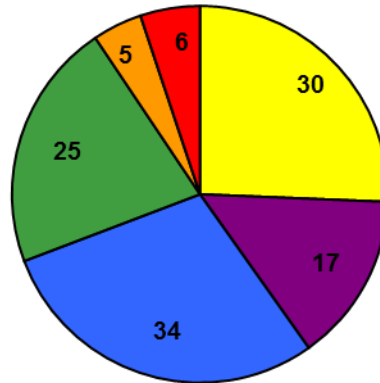
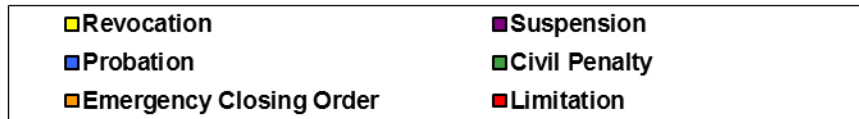
B. Inspections - TOTAL = 8,439

Inspections for Child Care Programs occur within 60 days of issuing a license and compliance inspections occur at least once a year for programs with less than thirty children and at least twice a year for programs with thirty or more children. Additionally, complaints against Child Care providers are investigated.



C. Disciplinary Actions

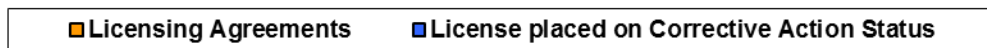
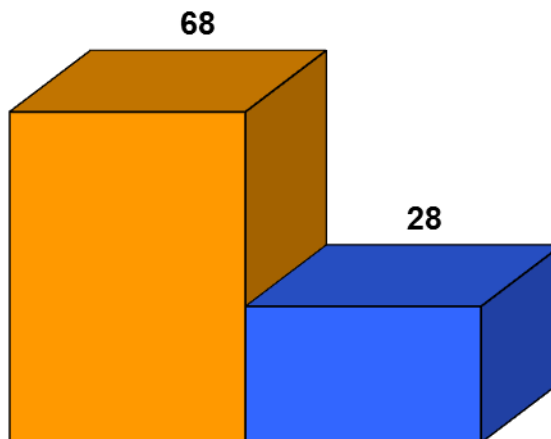
TOTAL = 117



D. Non-Disciplinary Actions

TOTAL = 96

Corrective Action Status can be imposed upon a program when there are violations that are correctable within a relatively short time period and do not pose a serious threat of harm to children.



State Board of Health

Professional Board Appointments

- There were 85 applicants; 35 interviews conducted; and 20 members appointed to 13 different professional boards.

Rules and Regulations

- Approved 12 sets of Regulations and reviewed 24 sets of Regulations.

Credentialing Review

- Music Therapists withdrew their proposal for credentialing review which terminated the credentialing review of this issue.
- Credentialing Review staff began the process of developing rules and regulations for the Credentialing Review Program.
- The Director of Public Health accepted Letters of Intent from representatives of Nurse Practitioners and Acupuncturists .